THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) The specific inclusion of any sports discipline in the 1990 Asian Games to be held in Beijing is to be taken up by the concerned National Olympic Committee i.e., the Indian Olympic Association in the case of India. As a result of efforts made, Kabaddi has been approved by the Olympic Council of Asia for Asian Games generally. However, the inclusion of a particular sports discipline in any given Asian Games, such as the XI Asian Games to be held in Beijing, is the prerogative of the host organisation, which selects the final list of Games from amongst the games having general approval of the Olympic Council of Asia. Both the Olympic Council of Asia and the Indian Olympic Association have requested the XI Asian Games Organising Committee to include Kabaddi as one of the games in the XI Asian Games.

Working women's hostel

*211. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up 300 working women's hostels in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir. 300 additional Working Women's Hostels are proposed to be started during the Seventh Five Year Plan Period.

(b) Under the Scheme, assistance is provided to the extent of 50 per cent of the cost of land and 75 per cent of the cost of construction of the building. Assistance is also available for purchase of buildings excluding furniture and fixtures.

Representation against irregularities in salt transportation by Railways

*212. SHRI SAGAR RAYKA:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received any representation from Gujarat Salt Federation regarding inrregularities and corrupt practices in salt transportation by Railways;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken to prevent the corrupt practices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Gujarat Salt Federation have alleged that BOX wagons of salt booked from stations in Gujart are being overloaded.

(c) Vigilance Department has been asked to conduct checks.

National fitness corps

*213. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) when was the National Fitness Corps started and when was it wounded up;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have been incurring expenditure for it even after it was wounded up; and

(c) if so, what was the total expenditure incurred so far since it was wounded up and in each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) The National Fitness Corps (NFC) was born out of the National Discipline Scheme (NDS) started in the Ministry of Rehabilitation in 1954 as a programme for instilling discipline and imparting training in mass drill among the younger generation in refugee camps and colonies. The National Discipline Scheme was transferred to the Education Ministry in the year 1958 and enlarged to cover high schools. The Kunzru Committee report of 1963 recommended an integrated programme of Physical Education at school stage to replace the many programmes like drill, physical education, auxiliary cadet corps, National Discipline Scheme etc. Thereupon an integrated programme called as National Fitness Corps was evolved. In the year 1965 agreement was reached in principle with representatives of the State Governments for adoption of the National Fitness Corps programme in all schools at the high and middle school level. It was also decided then that the NDS Instructors should be tarnsferred to the States and merged with cadre of Physical Education Teachers of the States and that the responsibility for actual inspection and supervision of NFC programme should be that of the State Govts. These instructors were transferred to the States from different dates from the year 1972 to 1976. As one of the terms and conditions of the transfer was that Central Government will meet the expenditure on pay and allowances of instructors absorbed by the States so long as they remained in service. The Central Government, therefore, reimburses the expenditure to the State Governments by way of grant-in-aid for the above purpose. Total amount of grant-in-aid sanctioned to the states since the year of winding up of National Fitness Corps scheme *i.e.*, 1972-73 to 1986-87 was Rs. 62,33,85,000 Grant-in-aid sanctioned to the States during the last three years is as under:—

1984-85	:	Rs. 6,31,78,000
1985-86	:	Rs. 6,13,00,000
1986-87	:	Rs. 6,50,00,000

*214. *(Transferred to the 4th May 1987.]*

Attempt to blow up AI jumbo jet at Kennedy airport in the USA

*215. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an attempt was made to blow up an Air India jumbo jet plane at Kennedy airport in the U.S.A. on the night of April 13-14, 1987;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; indicating the number of passengers on board the plane and when the suspected attempt to blow up the plane came to light; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) A battery pack with two wires protruding therefrom, was found on the aircraft prior to take-off of flight AI-102 of 13th April, 87 from New York. It was thought to be a trigerring device. This came to notice when the Air India Security Officer and cleaners went on board the aircraft for their usual tasks. A senior officer has been deputed to U.S.A. to ascertain facts and take other appropriate steps in consultation with local authorities.